

# SENATE BILL No. 401

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-21-3.

**Synopsis:** Student assistance while studying abroad. Revises the definition of "approved institution of higher learning" for purposes of enabling a student who participates in an organized program of study in a foreign country that is: (1) sponsored by an approved institution of higher learning in Indiana; or (2) not sponsored by such an institution, but for which the institution will award the student academic credit for participation; remains eligible to receive higher education assistance administered by the state student assistance commission.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-1999,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter:
- 4 (1) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a year
- 5 through August 31 of the next succeeding year.
- 6 (2) "Approved institution of higher learning" means the
- 7 following:
- 8 (A) An educational institution that operates in the state and:
- 9 (i) provides an organized two (2) year or longer program of
- 10 collegiate grade directly creditable toward a baccalaureate
- 11 degree;
- 12 (ii) is either operated by the state or operated not-for-profit;
- 13 and
- 14 (iii) is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting
- 15 agency or by the commission on proprietary education.
- 16 (B) Ivy Tech State College.
- 17 (C) A hospital which operates a nursing diploma program



which is accredited by the Indiana state board of nursing.

(D) A postsecondary proprietary educational institution that meets the following requirements:

(i) Is incorporated in Indiana, or is registered as a foreign corporation doing business in Indiana.

(ii) Is fully accredited by and is in good standing with the commission on proprietary education.

(iii) Is accredited by and is in good standing with a regional or national accrediting agency.

(iv) Offers a course of study that is at least eighteen (18) consecutive months in duration (or an equivalent to be determined by the commission on proprietary education) and that leads to an associate or a baccalaureate degree recognized by the commission on proprietary education.

(v) Is certified to the commission by the commission on proprietary education as meeting the requirements of this clause.

**(E) An organized program of study that is located in a foreign country and that is:**

**(i) operated or sponsored by an educational institution described in clause (A); or**

**(ii) operated by a sponsor that is not an educational institution described in clause (A) and for which the educational institution will award academic credit to a student of the educational institution who participates in the program.**

(3) "Approved secondary school" means a public high school located in the state and any school, located in or outside the state, that in the judgment of the superintendent provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to those of public high schools located in the state.

(4) "Commission" means the state student assistance commission established by this chapter.

(5) "Commission on proprietary education" refers to the Indiana commission on proprietary education established under IC 20-1-19-2.

(6) "Educational costs" means tuition and regularly assessed fees.

(7) "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of an individual's status as an undergraduate student in an institution of higher learning.

(8) "Higher education award" means a monetary award.

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- 1 (9) "Postsecondary proprietary educational institution" has the  
2 meaning set forth in IC 20-1-19-1.  
3 (10) "Superintendent" means the state superintendent of public  
4 instruction.

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